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News Release

MEXICAN NATIONAL INDICTED FOR RE-ENTERING THE U.S. AFTER BEING DEPORTED

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A 25-year-old Mexican national was indicted here last week for illegally reentering the United States after being previously deported as an aggravated felon by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

David L. Huber, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced that a federal Grand Jury in Louisville returned an indictment July 20 charging Hugo Gonzalez-Gonzalez with having illegally re-entered the United States.

The indictment alleges that Gonzalez-Gonzalez knowingly and unlawfully entered the United States and was found in Louisville, Ky., June 13 without having obtained the consent of the Attorney General of the United States for re-application for admission into the United States.

Gonzalez-Gonzalez had previously been deported after his aggravated felony conviction in the Southern District of California.

If convicted of re-entry after deportation, the maximum potential penalties are 20 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of three years. The case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Madison T. Sewell. Gonzalez-Gonzalez is scheduled to appear for arraignment before the U.S. Magistrate Judge Aug. 16 in Louisville, Ky. The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.

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